

REMARKS

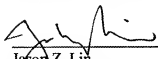
In the Office Action, claims 1, 4-5 and 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over WO 03/080931 A1 in view of EP 0623658 A2 and Lebacqz. Claims 2-3 and 6-7 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 11-18 are allowed.

Claim 1 is now amended to include all the limitations of claim 6 which is canceled. The amended claim 1 is allowable. Claim 7 is amended as a dependent claim of claim 1. By virtue of dependency claims 4-5 and 7-10 should also be allowable.

Claim 2 is rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 2 and 3 are allowable.

The above amendment has been made without prejudice. Claims 1-5 and 7-18 are now in full condition for allowance. The specification has been amended to correct a few editorial and grammatical errors. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued for this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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